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SUBJECT: BELGIUM IN FAVOR OF TURKEY'S ACCESSION TO THE EU
BUT WOULD LIKE MORE PROGRESS ON REFORM

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11. (SBU) Poloff gave reftel points to MFA Turkey Desk Officer Marie Noelle Dubois July 25. Dubois said the Belgian position remains in favor of Turkey's accession to the EU, dependent upon how Turkey progresses with reforms, and how it handles the current court case mentioned in reftel. The Belgians are concerned about the court case but they will not speculate as to what will happen. Dubois said there should be an EU declaration once the court reaches its verdict. Dubois claims Belgium sees some progress in Turkey, but notes that in the last couple of years the climate there has not been conducive to reform.

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